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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Leader of the Opposition

Ottawa, 13th November, 1940.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen, -

Private and Confidential.

In a confidential letter received from Mr. J. B. Lorimer, of Rose Valley, Saskatchewan, he points out that it is common gossip in Saskatchewan that the Mackenzie King Government intend to appoint Dr. John M. Uhrich, Minister of Health in the Saskatchewan Government, to the Senate.

This man is said to be a German, born in Germany, and it is said should not be holding any office in Canada today. Upon reference to the Parliamentary Guide, it would appear that he was born at Formosa, Ontario, and that his father was a French veteran of the Franco-Prussian War, but the name undoubtedly is German. His mother, Carolina Braehler, is said to have been a Canadian but was no doubt of German extraction. Dr. Uhrich comes from Rosthern, Saskatchewan, which is largely a German constituency.

I thought you should know what was suggested to me in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

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